

## #20 Round Table Discussion

1) What is your opinion about the popular sentiment:

“Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men.”

(Attributed to 19<sup>th</sup> century English Catholic historian and politician Sir. John Dalberg-Acton)

What examples would you suggest either supports or refutes the above quote?

- 2) We have already discovered the “church” as an essential element of the gospel related to the means of grace that is mediated through the ministry of word and sacrament (Christ mediated as prophet and priest). But what about church government (Christ as king)? Do you think people associate “government’ with “good news?” Why? Why Not?
- 3) Concerning the word “discipline” of the phrase “church discipline,” what might this connote that is not combatable with the gospel or “good news.” What might be a better way to describe it?
- 4) From the vantage point of those entrusted with the execution of church discipline, what might be the difficulties associated with executing it?
- 5) Why might church discipline be important?